

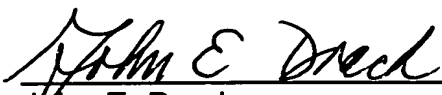
Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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- Abstract* fraction comprised substantially of saturated C₁₆ esters and a bottom product which is a second methyl ester fraction comprised substantially of unsaturated C_{16/18} esters, and
- (b) hydrogenating the bottom fraction to give the corresponding alcohols under conditions such that the carbon-carbon double bonds remain intact.
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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to comply with formal U.S. requirements and add preferred headings. Claims 3 and 4 are now pending in the application. Original claims 1 and 2 have been canceled and new claims 3 and 4 have been added. New claims 3 and 4 claim the same subject matter as canceled claims 1 and 2 but in more conventional U.S. form without changing the intended substance of claims 1 and 2. The Abstract of the Disclosure is provided in the published International Application and is incorporated herein by reference. Examination of all the new pending claims on their merits is respectfully requested.

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